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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 14, 1916.

My dear Dr. Halsey,

The President has received your letter of June 13th, with its enclosure from Rev. S. Hall Young, and has noted them with the greatest care.

He asks me to say to you that he is bringing the matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Tumulty,

Secretary to the President.

Rev. A. W. Halsey,
New York City.

Schribercraft Mich July 31st 1916

Rev S Hall Young DD Dear Brother

Your letter came to me in good time Thanks
I hope that your new Book will prove a great
Success. I have a book ready for publication

which I began twenty years ago
Titled "The Son of God, the King of Israel"
Subject - The Life of Christ - as told by His Mother,
Disciples and followers during their meetings
in the ten days between His Ascension and the day
of Pentecost. Style as the enclosed which

my residence on Crystal Lake helped me to
write. Chapter 1 Childhood of Christ 2 John the Baptist
Baptism & Temptation 3 & 4 Miracles 5 General
Teachings 6 Parables 7 Christ & Children Last Teaching
before Crucifixion 8 Lord's Supper Arrest 9 Crucifixion
10 Resurrection & Ascension It makes a poem
of about 11,000 lines or a book of 300 to 400 pages
and should have 25 or 30 illustrations and I
may say to you there has been no more important
poem published in the last 50 years. for
there has been no other with such a subject
all I want now is a publisher. There is a
Boston firm that wished to publish it -
but they wanted me to advance them
\$875.00 which of course I could

not do. I think that I will write to Grunk
and Wagnalls of New York. Perhaps you
could influence some one to take the book.
We are having a very hot dry time here
The thermometer has been up to 100° for days
and last night did not get below 84° but
we have a good S W wind today & it has not
gone above 90° and we may be pretty comfortable
tonight I hope you will have a good time at
French Creek. Tell me about it I think
perhaps the most important sermon I ever
preached was at Buckhannon in Nov 1886
on the text "lent it down Why crumpleth it the
ground The Church was then in rebellion
against the Presbytery. Wanted to go South &
had not sent a report to the Presbytery for four
years But they went to work after that Got a
Pastor and are now prosperous
Love to Lassie I will send this to French
Creek
Your Brother
Watson J Young

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Thirtieth State Convention, Red Bank, Oct. 4, 5, 6, 1916

International Convention, New York City, July, 1917

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“Remember Jesus Christ”

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Hammonton, 28th, 1916. 191

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Yours of Dec. 23rd at hand. Have been away for a
few days, hence the delay.

If Dr. Young would like to make it New Year's day
tell him to telegraph not later than he can help.

Having a Presbytery meeting on for Jan. 2nd, morning;
Tuesday afternoon, or Wednesday next. Am very busy, kindly
advise early so things may be cleared.

Like you way of offering the conference. Just to
shape things for the conference, let me say always, fishing
trips, journeys, work, Mrs. Marple and I stick together. After,
will do all we can to meet your plans.

Wishing you and Dr. Young the best of Holiday
wishes, believe me,

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Marple

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Hammonton, N.J., January 7th 1917.

Rev. S Hall Young, D.D.,
405 Meeker Street,
South Orange, N.J.

My dear Dr. Dixon:-

After having gone over conditions before us are
of the opinion that we can start for Fairbanks Febuary 20th,
or soon after. And have written Dr. Dixon to that end.

I am also sending out the letters as directed.
Would be glad to have you add ^{to} or supplement such as you see
best.

Would like Dr. Dixon, or yourself to send on a
statement covering matter so transfer could be made at next
meeting of West Jersey Presbytery. This is January 16th and
had best be in my hands early.

Could I also ask you to put in the application, as
you suggeted, for three month salary? I am in no immediate
hurry for this but would like to clear way for it.

You have been more than kind. Long will I recall
your goodness with pleasant reco^llections. Remember me to the
three little friends most heartily, reminding them that when

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THE SEA OF GALILEE.

In all the Land of Palestine is naught
So fair as is the Sea of Galilee.
Around like clustered pearls its cities lie.
Gergasa, and Gamala, on the East
On the o'erhanging mountains. To the North,
Bethsaida by the upper Jordan lies,
Amid the waving grain. Chorazin next
On somewhat higher ground. And on the West,
Capernaum the proud, and Magdala,
And rich Tiberias, whose mighty towers
Proclaim a royal city. To the South,
On either side the Jordan, where it bursts
Forth from the Lake, Kerak, and Hippo, stand,
Like guards before the gates, their pointed spires
Like spears erect, and waiting for the foe.
Around these cities vines, and olive yards,
In rich profusion grow. And fields of corn
Bend to the breeze. Before them, on the Lake,
Are anchored fleets of boats. Or here and there
Dotting the blue lake with their snowy sails.
But-like an infant in its changing moods,
The Lake is ever changing. In the morn
It lies asleep. The waves are sunk to rest,
And not a whisper of the breeze disturbs
Its dreamless slumber. Mirrored on its breast
The mountains lose their roughness, and the rocks
Are polished into beauty. Every tree
Shines with perennial verdure. Not a form
Of Nature or of art, but it is wrought
In marvellous mosaic. And the sky,
With its own sapphire dyes the sapphire flood.
But when the flush of morn begins to glow,
The blushing Lake gives back each rosy tint,
'Till o'er the hills the Sun looks forth and wakes
The sleeping waters. Here and there a gleam
Of rippling wavelets show the stirring air
Is toying with the sea. 'Till suddenly
The gale from ambush springs, where it was hid
Within a mountain pass, and fiercely strikes
The trembling Lake upon the breast, and shrieks
In anger, while the shuddering sea grows white
With rushing surges; white but beautiful
Beyond compare. Sometimes the clouds arise
And all the Lake is dark, or but half seen
Amid the driving rain. But yet whate'er
Of change may be, still it is beautiful.

*Peter's description of
the Lake*

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ever they wish they may come to us, here or in Alaska. Tell
Mrs. Klineschmidt the taste of that rare goose and the
delicious nut bread is with me yet. And for yourself I
am tying up to you for keeps.

Most respectfully yours,

Wallace Sutton Marple

P.S. Mrs. Marple says I must add her appreciation and best
wishes. She wishes to be of "The Clan" also.

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January 9, 1917.

Rev. Wallace H. Marple,

Hammononton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Marple,

Your letter of Dr. Dixon is just received, and I have had a conference with him. We rejoice in your readiness to go to Fairbanks.

There is in Dr. Dixon's mind, however, a little question which he wants me to clear up with you. He has been looking over the contracts made with Mr. Bruce and finds that it is for \$1700. not for \$2000.

I am sorry if I led you to false hopes in that respect. I still think that Dr. Condit received \$2000. and was under the impression that Mr. Bruce was to receive the same, by private understanding with the church at Fairbanks. It may be still that the church has made such a private arrangement, but if so, it has not been reported to the Board.

I hope this will make no change in your plans. I am confident that you will be able, as Mr. Bruce is, to live comfortably on the salary provided, and I have no doubt conditions will continue to improve. Dr. Dixon informs me that the church raises, I think he said, \$900.00, perhaps \$700.00 towards the salary.

Please answer at once as to your willingness to go under the \$1700.00 contract, in order that we may telegraph to Dr. Condit and make all arrangements.

Hastily, but warmly, your friend,

January 10, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple,
Hammonton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Marple,

Your of the 7th instant to me at South Orange came to hand yesterday afternoon. I wrote you yesterday after Dr. Dixon had received yours.

I much hope that the possibility of not getting more than \$1700. will make no difference in your decision. I wish to say to you privately, that I still think there is a confidential agreement between the church and the pastor at Fairbanks, such as I told you of. However, do not count on it in such a way as to be disappointed if you do not find it materializes.

I shall ask Dr. Dixon to send the statement that you ask for, in order that you may be transferred from the West Jersey Presbytery to the Presbytery of Yukon. I shall also speak about the advanced salary. However, I shall be away after this week from the office for almost two months, and you would better make that application direct to the Board, both for the traveling expenses and the salary. I shall gladly O.K. both if they are referred to me.

I told Dorothy, Gracie, and Doodie your message, and they were quite excited over it. Mrs. Kleinschmidt wants you to come and partake of another goose and promises you a fresh batch of nut-bread. Tell Mrs. Marple that I shall very gladly add her name to "The Clan."

I hope to hear from you before I leave the office. My appointment for next Sunday has been cancelled so that I shall not start north until next

Tuesday morning. I am enclosing Mr. Bruce's last letter which you will please read and return to me. The Uddvites have always been a thorn in our flesh at Fairbanks, and you will have to expect to cope with them.

With best wishes for Mrs. Margie, and yourself, I am as always,

Your friend,

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WALLACE SUTTON MARPLE

HAMMONTON NJ.

January 23, 1917.

Miss Helen Gordon Parker,
6701 Ridge Boulevard,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Parker,

Your note of this date
with enclosure of check for \$10.00 as the contribution
of the Bay Ridge Sunday School, designated for Edward
Marsden's salary, was handed to me this morning.

Doctor Young is at present in New York State
on an extended itinerary, or he would wish to send a
personal note of thanks for this aid in the support of
the work in Alaska. The check is being sent to Dr.
Young this morning with your note, and when returned
endorsed by him, formal receipt from the Treasurer of
the Board will be sent to you.

Hoping for a continued interest on the part
of your Sunday School in this important work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm F

JAN 25 1917

BURTIS RUSSELL MACHATTON
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South Side Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh

May 24, 17.
Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.
N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. Young:-

I am counting on you to place me in a good field in Alaska as per our conversation at Atlantic City last May. Until final arrangements are made, I would prefer that neither Dr. Kerr of Shadyside nor my own Church ^{shall} know nothing about it, as they will do all in their power to keep me from going. The work here is prospering as never before. We had a men's joint Shadyside - South Side meeting,

in our church last night at which
there was an attendance of over 250.
About 200 of the men and fifty
children. My salary has been
raised four times in ^{less than} three years,
and over 200 new members have
joined the church. Everything is
perfectly harmonious - but I long for
work such as Alaska offers.

Please let me hear from
you as soon as convenient, and
let me know when you could give
our men's club a lecture on Alaska.

Very sincerely
in - Kai -

B. H. Hutton.

Jan. 30, 1917.

Rev. Burtis R. MacHatton, D.D.,
South Side Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear MacHatton:

Yours of the 24th has been forwarded to me here, and I answer it briefly.

I shall certainly respect your confidence, and tell none of the Pittsburgh people about your desire to go to Alaska.

You are certainly showing the spirit I desire in anyone who is "promoted" to the Alaska field. I do not desire to take anybody who is out of a job, or who is seeking Alaska for the purpose of bettering his finances. The fact that you are willing to sacrifice a big salary for a much smaller one is a strong reason for my urging the Board and the Alaska Presbyterians to try to secure you.

An inspiring field in Alaska will be open next Spring. It is the Railroad and Mining field from Anchorage, Alaska, to the Matanuska coal field. Mr. Hughes who has been doing that work very acceptably this winter is to be sent to the interior to Nenana on the Tanana River. Nenana is the interior terminus of the Great Government Railroad for which \$35,000,000 was appropriated ^{officially} this year 1916.

Alaska coal fields fulfill the prophecy of the experts that the State will in time become the Wilkes-Barre of Alaska. It will take time and a good deal of dragging and discour-

To Rev. MacHatton.

aging work, but that is a marvelous region, and a very rich one.

Besides the coal fields there are rich gold and copper mines in the vicinity and a wonderfully fertile and wide farming and stock-raising region.

The salary paid in the Yacon Presbytery is still \$1700. with many expenses to the field, but I am going to make a big effort at the close of this fiscal year, July 1st, to get all the Alaska salaries raised. Of course, I do not know what the result of my efforts will be.

I am writing about you to Dr. Condit the general Missionary, and to Mr. McBride who has just organized a church at Anchorage. Mr. Hughes has his headquarters at Anchorage at present, and is in close touch with McBride all the time. McB. is Chairman of the Home Mission Committee.

I do not know when I can stop in Pittsburgh - some time in the latter part of March or April. Dr. Kerr's men's club want me for another lecture and there will be other appointments.

Please let me hear from you again, and believe me, always,

Your warm friend,

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Carroll

Dunsmuir, Yukon Territory
Rev S Wall Young.

Dear Sir.

Some time during
the summer of 1916 I wrote
you a letter, and not hearing
from you, am prompted to
write again. As the candle of
life darkens the declining day
and the activities of life lessening
we have much time for retrospection.
Do you recall the Sabbath services
at Bennett in 1899, when the
messenger announced his text,
And I if I be lifted up will
draw all men unto me.

It was a good sermon, and
still gives refreshing thoughts of
those front runners who herded the way.

**The First Presbyterian Society
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CHAS. J. NORTH, TREASURER
745 ELLICOTT SQUARE

BUFFALO, N. Y. Feb. 8, 1917.

Dear Dr. Young: -

In compliance with directions from Dr. Raymond, I am sending you the check enclosed.

The pictures last night brought back many experiences in the Rocky Mountains and in Oregon, away from settlements, where one can get very close to primeval Nature. Very truly yours
Chas. J. North

Feb. 8, 1917.

Hon. James Wickersham, M.C.,
House office 169,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

Your very welcome letter with the appreciation of my new book and the enclosure from Dr. Elliott reached me here, where I am on an itinerary among the churches.

I prize your criticism and that of Mr. Elliott very highly, and have sent copies of them to my Publisher. When old Alaskans find my book good I am beginning to think that I have arrived in literature.

I am very much delighted indeed that you succeeded in putting through the Prohibition bill for Alaska. You have many proud monuments in Alaska legislation and this is one of the finest. I received also your answer with your arguments in it and am prouder than ever of you.

And now, Judge, what about the delegateship? The last word I got in a clipping from the Portland Oregonian was to the effect that you were eight votes ahead, and that the returns from Erissee Bay, which would decide the election, were about to arrive at Juneau. Has the matter been decided by the canvassing Board?

You simply must not surrender the office without a struggle. Dan Sutherland told me that a lot of the Indians in Southeastern Alaska were voted wholesale for Sulzer, some of whom could not write their names. If you have to tie the matter into Congress, do so, and fight it through. I have no doubt whatever that you are legally the choice of the voters of Alaska, and we need you - need you bad the next two years. It seems to me like a dark cloud of calamity - the idea of Sulzer taking your place.

Please let me know how the matter stands. This it seems to me is the important thing in Alaska affairs now before the country, whether you are to serve two years more or not.

Is this Elliott "Far Seal" Elliott, and in what publication was the Review printed?

I hope you will do what you can to put the University of Alaska matter in shape next Spring. It seems to me that the Agricultural College and School of Mines at least ought to be set on foot, and I believe that the President ought to be chosen the first thing and be set at work. Of course I am still a candidate for that position, and Dan Sutherland will do what he can for me, and I believe Governor Strong will also.

Answer at my office in New York as before, and it will speedily reach me.

Very cordially yours,

FEB 21 1917

The Board of Home Missions

Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

*400 money order
enclosed*

A. G. SHRIVER
MISSIONARY

Cordova, Alaska, Feb 8 1917

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.

156 Fifth Ave,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Young:

I am glad to have your letter of Jan 13th and I want to thank you kindly for the books you gave us, we appreciate them very much. I find them very interesting reading and instructive as well. I am doing what I can to get them on the market and one book seller the Cordova Drug Co will order this month and ^I think others will follow soon. I am sending the other copies to friends at Chitina and at Copper Center so those sections will be advertised too.

We shall be glad to see Bro Marple and wife and we shall care for them and do for them all we can to make their trip pleasant. I wrote Brother Marple last week in regard to the boat and the stage lines.

Dr. Dixon sent me a check for the expenses incurred while on my trip to Copper Center. Dr. Condit feels the work at Copper Center should be cared for by the Episcopal church but you know Zeiglers record for pushing things and his interest in the pastor's work. He is not doing a thing of the natives here nor any where else in the Valley. Dr. Condit is following the Comity agreement which is alright when the parties all do their work but to see these natives go out of this world with so little knowledge of the Word, when we could occasionally give them a message is something I do like to answer for. Zeigler and an unscrupulous woman have been busy spreading false reports about town concerning our church and trying to hurt the work. But truth crushed to earth will rise again

The Board of Home Missions

Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.

A. G. SHRIVER
MISSIONARY

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and I believe we shall come out more than victors. Pray for us. In spite of their proselyting last Sunday, we broke all previous records in Sunday school attendance, we had 55. I have added a Home Dept to the S.S. and received another member in to the church the otherweek. Last summer while passing thru the Island of Latouche I ask a boy if he would pass out S.S. papers and he agreed, as a result several weeks ago I received a letter from the boy's mother saying she organized a S.S. with 18 scholars. This work should have been cared for by the ME man at Seward but he didnot. I think the way is opening up for us at Katalla to start a S.S. at least

I wrote Dr. Dixon on this mail about the buying of a launch for the new work among the canneries and the Katalla field. We must follow or lose these people. By the means of a map you can explain the work and how our boundary lines are being extended each year. Our church must advance with the commercial interests as they are developed, if we are to hold the respect of these business men, and secure the admiration of the people.

I do not intend to neglect my work here when I encourage the taking up of this new work on the Bay. We are getting a new organ this month and growing as fast as conditions will permit. We need consecrated workers.

I am enclosing a money order to pay for three books.

I shall see Hegg and get the pictures for you.

The wife and Robert Hall are well.

I shall appreciate anything you may do to help me hold th is part of Alaska for the Presbyterian church.

I am

Cordially yours,

A. G. Shriver

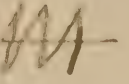
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Milford, N.Y. Tues. Feb. 13, 1917

My dear Mrs. Freeman;

I am here at this new ap-
pointment - which evidently was not reported
to the Office, as Mr. Becker - the pastor - got no
word or literature from the office. I myself did
not know of this appt until Sun. eve.

It is dreadfully cold here. I could not
get to Stamford Sun. A.M. as no trains were run-
ning Sun in time, and the snow drifts were 15-ft
deep. so I returned at Oneonta and went to Hobart
by train in the afternoon. Cold houses, cold churches
were the rule. Had our awful time going by auto-stage
Mon. yesterday morning from Bloomsbury to Delhi
- nine miles. Just bumped into snow drifts the
whole way. Got buried up in one for fifteen or twenty
minutes. It was 20 below and a blizzard blowing.
I nearly froze.

Today I am in a comfortable new house & am
comfortable. Am going away north, then away south,
then north again. &c. - just like this .

Have gotten your letters nearly every place except
this. Did not expect any here.

Will you please mail me some more writing
paper - letter heads of both sides. Have plenty of envelopes
Please send me also more leaflets of both kinds. The
sketch is very neat. If you order more this correction
should be made. About the fifth line on second page
fifteen hundred miles should read fifteen thousand.

I got upwards of 30 slides at Delhi yesterday.
 Did you send them? Much obliged if you did.

Have you the two new affs sent me by Miss

Y reeve? - Fri. Feb 28, 4 Koverville, N.Y.; Sun Feb 29 - Utica
 Olivet ch. A.M. & P.M. Will only have a short visit with
 Abbie at Phaea & will not be home till Mon Feb 28.

I am distressed at Dr. Dixon's resignation.
 I don't know whether I'll want to stay with
 the Board when he leaves.

I think you can catch me at Oneonta
 with the paper & leaflets. I'll be there till noon Sat.

cordially yours

J. Hall Young.

FEB 17 1917

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1917

Dr. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

I have yours of February 8th
from Buffalo but I don't know where you will be
now so I write to the New York office.

It seems the election in Alaska has come
our way by a small majority but since small
majorities were fashionable at the last election
I suppose I must be satisfied with it. Ban Suther-
land went north to attend the meeting of the Legis-
lature with some idea that he might secure the be-
ginning of activities in the building of the Fair-
banks Agricultural College but I fear not. The new
prohibition bill is going to throw our territorial
finances out of gear and it will take some time to
get them systematized again and until that time
the Agricultural College will probably have to wait.
However, if I learn anything further about the
matter I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

James W. Wickerham

Delegate from Alaska.

Oneonta, New York.
February 17, 1917.

Rev. Wallace Marple,
Hammondton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Marple,

I am writing you a hasty note this morning in hopes of catching you before you start to Alaska. It is a "Bow drawn at Adventure" for you must already have left Hammond.

I just wish to bid you a hearty God Speed on your journey.

I am inclosing to you a letter which I just received from Charlie Lindgren which will give to you some information about conditions at Fairbanks.

Lindgren is one of the most simple hearted and earnest christians that I know. He belonged to the Swedish Salvation Army. I know him in various parts of Alaska and never new any harm whatever of him but much good. His religion is everything to him and he joined the Presbyterian Church where ever he was and was consistant member. I think he first joined my church at Cordova.

The condition he describes of morals in Fairbank is certainly appalling, but the fact that these men were arrested and tried and convicted is encouraging.

Bruce wrote me that there had been a great clean up in Fairbank in several respects. If you can just get rid of the present marshall and prosecuting attorney I think you will find that the Judge and some of the other officers are good men.

When you have read this letter please send it to me at my office.

I have not been back to New York for more than a month. Expect to reach there about the 26th and by that time you will probably be in Seattle.

With warm regards to yourself and wife, and best wishes for a safe journey and a prosperous pastory at Fairbank, I am as ever

Your friend,

FEB 21 1917

Rev. S. Hall Jung, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Jung:-

Always glad to hear
from you. The enclosed (2)
truly shows need. Nothing
could be more distressing.
God help us to meet
conditions and leave grace.

220 Enclosure
Feb 1917

We became ill under strain
of adjustment, asked a few
days in which to get well,
and will be off soon.

I have had two good
cameras given me, so expect
the pleasure of picture taking.
A New York sporting goods
salesman will buy arms
needed when I accurately
give information. A Phila-
delphia friend gets rods
in shape. Kindness every turn.

Will go Singh Valley to Buffalo, New York Central to Chicago, Chicago to St Paul, C. M. & St P., then Canadian Pacific to Seattle. Will use S. S. line having first boat to Cordova. Have written Mr. Shriver about pass and trail arrangements. Think way clear to Fairbanks.

If need wish me for I certainly appreciate your interest and profit by your advice.

You will remember me to the "Young ladies" as opportunity offers, giving Mrs. Kleinschmidt my best wishes and always believing me.

Heartily, but hastily yours,

Wallace Sutton Marple

Until leaving.

1334 S. 28th Street.

Philadelphia

Feb. 19th.

March 3, 1917.

Memorandum to H. C. Olin, Treasurer.

Herewith please find \$1.00 just received
from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Hill,
Pa. to be credited to the work at Point Barrow,
Alaska, in addition to the \$126.00 recently sent
in.

Shd be 1/2 church

March 6, 1917.

Hon. James Wickersham, U.C.
House Office 169,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge:

Yours of February 15th followed me to Northern New York state, and from place to place until it caught me. I have just returned to the office, and am soon to leave again.

I do not know whether this will find you in Washington, but take the chance. I have been rejoicing from the bottom of my heart that the Board of Commissioners of Alaska decided that you had the election. Even a plurality of twenty six is not to be despised when it secures your continuance in office for another two years. I feel now that Alaska is safe for that period and that her interests will be advanced.

I am very desirous of seeing you before you go west again, to talk over many matters that concern Alaska, - school matters, University matters, and the enforcement of the Bone-dry law that you got through Congress. This latter is so worth while that even if it holds up the University for a year or two, I shall not marmur.

I shall be going Saturday to Ohio to be gone three or four weeks. If I could see you before I go I would be happy. Will you be in New York this week?

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I wish to thank you for the beautiful and altogether
satisfactory criticism that you made of my books. I am receiving
many very kind letters about it, and especially from Alaskans.

Please let me hear from you at once as to your movements.

Very cordially yours,



Letter of introduction
C. A. Lindgren
and family

PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY

ON BOARD S. S. *Wednesday*;

Mr. S. Hall Young, B. B., 3/7/17.
Alaska's Representative,
Home Board, Presbyterian Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Young:-

Yours received and read with
interest. Thank you. By mistake
the enclosure was placed in
wrong zip and now must
remain for future. Where we
shall be, B. O., by March 9th
or 10th.

We have a few days there

anticipated. nothing cold about
it as yet.

The people are straightforward
and kind. We make friends
readily, have congenial, good
times, while Mrs. Marple already
has an offer of home and
employment at Juneau under
consideration, in case I attempt
to resign - there is no thought
of that - and return to the
States, so you see what good
spell weaving Alaska is already
doing. And indeed it is a
wonderful land. Never, even in
mind, have I comprehended its
possibilities, nor grasped its significance.

Then start for Cordova. Hope to
be in Fairbanks by March 22d.

La Guffe delayed our starting,
as no doubt Mr. Hiscu already
has explained. But since getting
started connections have developed
while kindness and help has
aided at each turn. Both are
well, enjoying every moment and
face our new work with eagerness.

Nothing could be more
wonderful than the scenery
over the route through Canada,
while the inland water way
completely charms at each turn
of the way. So far the climate
has more of California than

I only trust God may use us
in mighty ways while here.

Already, we begin to understand
somewhat of the part the
church must take in Alaska's
future. The rudder of the
rescue ship: the hand upon
the wheel. God help us to do
our part.

With your request in mind
I am keeping the facts of your
involvement to myself, the names
involved I will file for reference
as needed later. Perhaps we may
someday be allowed to help these
involved.

Our best wishes go to Mrs Klein-
schmidt, Grace, Dorothy & Helen, every
appreciation to yourself, faithfully, Walter & Martha

March 8, 1917.

Mr. Simon E. Sorce,
5104 48th Street, So.
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Sorce,

Yours of February 23d is at hand, and I am glad to reply to it to help you clear up the fair fame of my good friend Charles Lingren. To me it inconceivable that any one who knows Mr. Lingren should either circulate or believe such reports about him as you have indicated were circulated by an acquaintance of his. It shows an utterly unscrupulous and malicious spirit in any one to attack the reputation of so good and clean a man as Charlie Lingren.

1st. Answering your questions, I would say that Charlie Lingren lived a part of the time during the summer of 1911 in my house at Iditarod, and during all of the time I was at Iditarod, which was from July 1911 to March 1912, and also three months in the summer and fall of 1912 I saw him almost every day and knew him intimately.

2nd. I never knew of his drinking whiskey or having any other bad habits during all the time I knew him at Iditarod or other places in Alaska. Neither did I ever hear anybody hint such a thing concerning him. Everybody who knew him respected him as a conscientious and clean Christian man.

3rd. I never knew of selling whiskey or any other intoxicating liquor - in fact I know the very idea would be abhorrent to him.

4th. I know positively while at Iditarod that his name was not linked in any way with disreputable women or places of bad repute. He shunned such places as one would shun a viper.

I have known Mr. Lingren ever since the summer of 1911 and have seen him at Fairbanks and Cordova since that time. I also knew him before that summer at Cordova in 1908, 1909 and 1910 when he worked along the line of the Copper Valley Railroad. So far from hearing from anybody that he was guilty of any of these charges, I never even heard anybody in Alaska express anything except kindness and admiration of the character of Mr. Lingren.

5th. His reputation was as high for cleanness of life and Christian character and honor in all things as any man that I ever knew in Alaska.

6th My personal opinion of him is more in the nature of positive knowledge than of mere opinion. I know him to be of entirely good character, a simple hearted Christian and consistent in all his dealings with his fellow man. He is as far from being a hypocrite as any man I know, and I would trust him with property, or friends dear to me, or money as far as I would any other human being.

I hope that this letter will help clear any clouds that wicked people may have thrown around the reputation of Charlie Lingren, whom I learned to love and respect.

Very sincerely yours,

MAR 9 - 1917

JAMES WICKERSHAM
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1917.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

Yours of March 6th has just been received. I greatly regret that I will not be in New York this week or at any time before I go west. I shall start west in about ten days.

I am just in receipt of news that Sulzer has brought a suit against the Canvassing Board at Juneau to compel them to issue the certificate of election to him. The Canvassing Board found in my favor and found that I had 31 plurality over Mr. Sulzer but he and Attorney General Grigsby are alleging that some of the precincts ought to be thrown out because the t's were not crossed and the i's dotted. I shall await the result of this action with some interest.

Very truly yours,

James Wickersham

Delegate from Alaska.

Ans 4/24/17

OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary



March 15th 1917

Rev. O. Hall Young.

40 Fleming H. Reuell & Co
N. Y. City.

My dear Dr Hall

I have just sent to Chicago for your new book "The Klondike Clan" and am glad to know that you are in this country, and well and happy. I have been wondering if you have not published previous to this some account of the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Dawson + some of your experiences while in the work there. Who took it up after you left + who is in charge now? I have promised to talk before the First Presbyterian Church Missionary Society on Alaska + pioneer work there and as so many years have intervened since we were there I want to freshen up on it a little, so will appreciate any contribution you may send me.

I am still in my work in the Illinois State Historical Library it is sixteen years (over)

years this next June since I began it, and the
time has gone so rapidly & so many things have
come into my life in the way of changes, that in
some respects it seems a long time & in other only
a brief period.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health
And with kindest regards -

I remain

Yours sincerely -

(Miss) Georgie L. Osborne.

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Presbyterian Church,
Fairbanks, Alaska.
702 Cushman Street.
April 8th, 1917.

Rev. John Lipson, D.D.,
158 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipson:-

Sp. (L.H.)

Mr. Bruce forwards enclosed report.
May I avail myself of its return to add
that we find the work in good shape and
well cared for at present.

Owing to Alaskan curiosity
we have been crowded at each service
since coming. We are most thankful
for the enlarged attendance and the
opportunities offered, but are not
encouraged to believe such will
continue by the Elders or by the people.

There are many problems here
which will be most interesting and
which involve much consideration as to
solution.

Building an addition is influenced
in one direction by reports "Fairbanks has seen
its last days; the other, already one Class using Mause."

Another for young women, there being none such in town, is to be formed; H. Y., It will occupy the dining room. The Bible Class should also come into the Mause for room. When weather permits the journeyers of the school will be more comfortable in little benches - adult chairs only available - in the shed-enclosed - rear of Mause.

The conviction prevails with me that caution must be shown. Under the evidences prevailing, it would be easy to think we should build, yet the town changes, empty houses, outgoing people. If growth comes to the town immediate money should be available.

The Creek settlements are untouched by services. "It has failed", they say. Why? Mails impossible for supplies. Not enough collections to pay expense of incoming preachers.

I am convinced a Ford car, touring type, would open up the Gospel to nearly a thousand people.

Is the money available? It would cost more than a dog team, yet be easier maintained and do better work.

Mr. Lendis recognizes the possibilities and would encourage our efforts. Ford cars are used in connection with these communities for nearly every other possible purpose.

Then there are Road Houses along all these trails above, each centre of a little community; with a small folding organ, two or three helpers, bibles, tracts, supplies, the outlay could be made to pay good dividends.

Already we have cemented somewhat the fellowship with the M. E. members. If, as they say here, there need be no more M. E. missionaries sent in to Fairbanks, would be recognized by the M. E. Board, there would be no loss of zeal moment to the cause. I believe you could very fairly assume that position, and so advise whenever necessary.

We are convinced an economy possible in trying to get a greater interest in better furnishing the houses in Alaska. That expense for outgoing and new men or families, which is applied to transportation of goods and effects, would be greatly lessened if more stationary furnishing of house was the rule. Have the matter under advisement by people here, with what success cannot now decide.

Again, at some future time of writing would you advise me of what is done with the suppl. left over each quarter by the

Book Rooms, or S. S. Board? And does the
change of hymn books ever make available
any large hymnals of revised dates?

Thanking you for the interest always
shown and trusting not to have
bothered, believe me, with every kind
wish,

Most respectfully yours.

William L. Thompson.

April 10, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.
405 Wecker Street,
South Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Young,

Mr. C. S. Battin, Treasurer South
Charleston Pres. Church sends check for \$50.05 which
I am sure you will be glad to get, and the little card
from Grand Junction, Col. are herewith enclosed. I
did not come in at all yesterday, but this seems to be
all the mail received.

Hoping you are feeling much better today,
and that you will be careful not to take cold in your
weakened state, I am

Cordially yours,

APR 16 1917

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Columbus, Ohio, April 13, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,

156 -5th Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Young:

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You will see by the enclosed check that Broad Street responded after a while. It came to my desk just as I left for a week in the field. I am sorry it could not have come before April 1, but its size is satisfactory.

Mrs. Pugh and Robert are well. Just last night we played over all the records and they wondered where Dr. Young was telling the story of Alaska.

I had a note from Mr. Myers who expressed much gratification with your address and the fact that he had about 200 people out on a Monday night. We shall be glad to have you back in Ohio at any time.

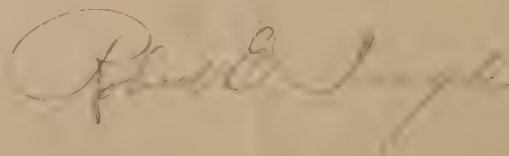
The Committee of Portsmouth Presbytery is asking that you make a tour of their territory some time this spring.

Mrs. Green will have that correspondence before this.

We all wish for your continued health and success.

Very cordially yours,

REP/T



April 16, 1917.

Rev. Robert E. Pugh,
514 Commercial Building,
104 North Third St. Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Pugh.

Your letter with the enclosed check for \$250.00 from the Broad Street Church, is just at hand. I am very glad indeed to get it, and shall write to Mr. Copeland direct expressing my thanks.

I have been sick abed most of the time since returning from Ohio. I was taken ill as soon as I got away from Mrs. Pugh's good cooking and splendid care, and got worse steadily until within the last week.

I cancelled the engagements of last week in northern New York, and have now cancelled the itineraries in Michigan and Tennessee, which were to have begun the latter part of this week. I am filling an engagement tonight and one tomorrow in this vicinity, but do not really feel equal to them. It was a severe stomach and bowel trouble, and I am recuperating but slowly - have not yet recovered an appetite.

Several letters have come to Miss Greene from Ripley and other places in Ohio, asking for lectures. I have asked Miss Greene to direct them all to you, as whatever appointments are to be made among the churches in Ohio, I would much prefer to have you arrange. But none will be made until this office has settled just the kind of a campaign I am to carry on. That, I presume, will come up before the meeting of the Board on May 10th.

I received a note from Mrs. Pugh enclosing one from Robert about the book and the records. Give them both my love, and tell them I shall answer their notes as soon as my hand steadies enough to write legible long-hand.

Portsmouth Presbytery will have to wait until next fall.

Thanking you again for the exceeding kindness of yourself and Mrs. Pugh,
and thinking often gratefully of your lovely home, I am

Most cordially yours,

April 17, 1917.

Honorable James Wickersham,
House Office 169,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge,

I have been in very great trouble about you for some time. When you last wrote, you told me that the Democrats had instituted an injunction proceedings in the court of Juneau to restrain the Board from issuing a certificate of election to you. I have been reading "The Empire" and recently saw in copies of that the proceedings in court, and followed the arguments and Judge Jennings' lengthy and labored opinion.

I have been almost constantly away from New York since the first of January, and there would be long periods when I could not keep in touch with the Alaska news. Just lately, however, I have seen that Sulzer is reported from Washington City, and that he has apparently been received and installed as delegate from Alaska. Just this moment I have received a long letter from Governor Strong, in which he tells of what he calls "political crookedness" of the worst kind - the stealing of the delegateship from yourself. In his letter he says -

"Had Mr. Sulzer or his friends alleged fraud in the late election, he might have had some color for his course, but in no instance was fraud alleged, but, as I have said, they relied wholly upon a few little, miserable technicalities which no election boards in the voting precincts could have foreseen, to gain their ends. I cannot express to you the contempt that I feel for such proceedings and, incidentally, the parties who are responsible for them."

The Governor goes on for two or three pages in this strain, and says:

"I am tired, hurt, sore and disgusted, that these rabid partisans who are under the aegis of the banner of democracy do such stupid things."

He also intimates that his Democratic friends are attacking him because of his action in declaring that you were elected by a plurality of thirty one over Mr. Sulzer. I have been hoping to hear that you were making a fight before Congress for your seat. I cannot conceive that the House would consent to have you

robbed of your seat on a mere flimsy technicality when you can show so plainly what the intent of the voters was. If it is not too late, I would urge you still to fight the thing through to a finish. I consider that your absence from Congress the next two years would be a positive calamity to Alaska. In the meantime please keep the confidence of Governor Strong, who evidently does not consider it expedient to openly denounce the action of Sulzer and his political friends, but at the same time says - "I have no great desire to succeed myself as Governor, nor do I propose to make any fight for it." Please let me hear from ^{you} very soon as to your future course in this most important of Alaska matters just now before the public.

In case you leave Washington (perhaps you have left already), I wish to ask you what you are going to do with your valuable Alaska library. I hope you will not leave it for Mr. Sulzer, but that you will place it where we who need it can use it. I shall need to consult it at once as I am commencing on my new story "The Anvil of the North" a story of the Nome stampede. I am very anxious indeed to have your books where I can go and read up on certain matters. Perhaps you can help me in one or two phases of this work:

1st. Some of my characters are to be wrecked on the Island of St. George, one of the Ibyoff group and winter there, the winter of '99 and 1900. Can you get me from Elliott's writings or others a description of those Islands and the conditions of the winter there; whether there are any fur seals around at that time or not, etc., etc.? I know something about the blue foxes.

2nd. As some of the characters are to start in the fall of '99 from the Kobuk on Kotjebue Sound, I would like to find some documents that describe that country and the condition of the stampede of '98 to that region.

3rd. Have you any pictures of the Stone Anvil at Nome, and of the early stampede into that country?

4th. What are you going to do with your photographs in the immediate future in case you leave Alaska? I am having made 150 new lantern slides for

use at General Assembly which meets in Dallas, Texas, May 17th, and would like to look over your pictures again with a view to using some of them in these slides.

Now, in conclusion, my dear Judge, I want to express as an Alaskan my deep indignation at this attempt on the part of unscrupulous partisans to deprive Alaska of its strongest and most faithful friend, and I want to assure you and Mrs. Wickersham of my constant friendship, and I hope that whenever you come in the vicinity of New York you will pay my daughter and me a good visit.

Hoping to hear from you very soon and at length, I am as always

Your warm friend,

April 21, 1917.

Rev. B. R. MacHatton, D.D.
South Side Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear MacHatton,

I have no doubt that you ^{are} provoked at my long silence.

I have been almost constantly away from the office since January 1st, and for the last month have been quite ill. I am now in the office and at work part of each day, but still far from well.

As you have learned by this time, the Board has closed the year again with a deficit, and the cry is - "retrench, retrench!" Alaska is hard hit by this demand, and I have been unable to get the Board to take up any new work for the coming year. We are placing a married man at our old mission of Ruby in the interior. It was the opinion of Mr. Dixon and of our General Missionary, Condit, that we could not send a man again there without a wife. I have kept your name prominently before the secretaries of the Board for the first good big appointment and am very sorry that the field does not open this year.

I am demanding that the Alaska office be placed on a different footing for the coming year - that it be erected into a Department, and that I be made assistant secretary to the one secretary who will be elected at the coming reorganization of the Board; and that I shall have all the correspondence for Alaska, the making of the budget, etc., etc. This will include of course the recommendation of Alaska missionaries, and will cut out this constant demand for lectures before the churches. I think if they adopt this new plan, I can get much more money and have much more to do in the selection of the men for Alaska.

I feel that this delay is not very satisfactory to you, and am sorry indeed for its necessity. I hope you will feel that I am still very strongly in

favor of sending you to Alaska, if you do not get tired of these "put-offs" and quit.

Please let me hear from you again, and believe me, as always,

Your warm friend,

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JAMES WICKERSHAM
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1917

Rev. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

I have your letter of April 17th and have read it with much interest. I have no doubt you have the right flavor of the legal situation at Juneau in respect to the one-sided disposition of my rights as Delegate from Alaska by Judge Jennings. His action was so thoroughly bad that the Democratic machine is amazed at it. In short, he took the election away from me, although I had a clear majority of the votes and was declared elected by the Canvassing Board and gave it to Sulzer. I have begun a contest here in Washington and intend to fight it to the end,—which is about two years off. Of course, Judge Jennings knew that when he stole the election.

I have been hoping you would come over to Washington and visit us soon but you seem to be one of the busiest men in the United States.

Very truly yours,

James Wickersham

April 23, 1917.

Mr. Wilbur Owen.
925 Nicholas Building,
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Owen,

In accordance with your request made last December, I am writing you in regard to the \$50.00 which you engaged to give for our mission at Point Barrow. You asked me to write you a month before the money will be needed.

The vessel which is to carry the supplies for the new building at Pt. Barrow will be sailing from Seattle in about six weeks from now. We are making up a full list of supplies needed in the way of lumber, hardware, etc. and propose sending a carpenter with the vessel to start the building. He will either remain over the winter and complete the building, or put it in such shape that the natives under the direction of the missionary can complete it.

If you will kindly send to me at your convenience the generous contribution of \$50.00, it will be expended directly for these supplies.

With pleasant recollections of the hospitality of Mrs. Owen and yourself, and a prayer for a blessing upon you and yours, I am

Very sincerely,

April 24, 1917.

Miss Georgie L. Osborne,
Illinois State Historical Society,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Miss Osborne,

Your interesting letter of March 15th arrived at the office when I was absent on one of my long lecturing itineraries, and before I could take it up and reply to it I was taken ill, and have been under the Doctor's care for the last month.

I am very sorry to have neglected you so long, and fear that what information I give you now will be too late to use in your address before the Missionary Society.

Doubtless you have read The Klondike Clan before this, as you were about to send for it when you wrote, and I have no doubt at all that you will get from it more than you could from any previous articles which I have written. I have published in missionary magazines from time to time, especially The Assembly Herald, in its Alaska number which is the June issue each year, some account of the beginning work at Dawson, but you will recognize the historical truth of most of the incidents of "The Klondike Clan" and will be in a position to separate the fiction from the history. The reception of the book both in Alaska and in the body of the United States, has been all that I could desire, and I am about to begin on a second story which will have to do with the Nome stampede of '99 and 1900.

Dr. Grant took up my work after I left Dawson and built a fine church. You know that he and I completed a log church before I left. Dr. Grant made a good deal of money in gold speculations in the Klondike, and is now Secretary of the Canadian Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. Rev. John Pringle was Pastor of the church at Dawson for awhile. I do not know who is the Pastor at present.

The church is under the Canadian Board of Missions, and therefore I do not have the statistics on my desk.

I am connected with the Board of Home Missions and have charge of the Alaska office. It is three years since I was last in Alaska, but my work is still there, and I have a fond dream of ending my life in the great land that I love, but I have a number of other books to write before I shall be entirely content to pass over the "Great Divide."

I often think of the pleasant years I spent in your hospitable cabin with Mrs. Meiser and yourself. Those strenuous old days keep their grip upon me, and I look upon that part of my pioneering as the best part of my life.

When you have read my book, I would be very glad to have your opinion of it as one of the "Stampeders." I prize the opinion of those early pioneers much more highly than that of any other class. I am delighted to have heard from you, and hope that our old acquaintance may not pass entirely into oblivion.

Very cordially yours,

April 24, 1917.

Hon. James Wickersham, M.C.
House Office 169,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Wickersham,

Your letter of the 23rd instant is just here, and
I lose no time in replying.

I saw in the Juneau "Empire" yesterday, that you had filed your papers contesting Sulzer's seat, and I was rejoiced to see the strong point that you are making. I have no doubt at all that you will be ultimately successful in getting your rightful seat to which you have been elected. In the meantime, please tell me who is acting as the Alaska Congressman - he or you? I see by The Empire that he has been sworn in, and that he is promising the people great things - has been received by Champ Clark and the President, etc., and seems to be sailing along as Alaska's Congressman. Of course I know that this does not "cut any ice" in the final outcome of the contest, and I hope very greatly that you will be able to bring the matter up before Congress and have it decided in your favor in time to do the things for Alaska that you alone can do in that office.

I asked you several questions in my other letter which I would very much like to have answered. First of all, is Strong going to lie down and let the Democratic "machine" walk over him, and get Wilson to appoint somebody acceptable to the machine, or is he going to stand again for the Governorship? I shall be very glad indeed to do what I can to help him again, if he will try for reappointment.

Second. How can I be of any help to you in your contest? I shall go anywhere or do anything that you would ask me to do to right the wrong that the Alaska Democratic machine has done.

Third. I suppose that your office, including your collection of Alaska literature, remains exactly where it was, and that I can come at any time and consult your books and documents, including the description of the fur-seal Islands and the conditions at Kotjebue Sound in '98 and '99.

I am trying to arrange to have more time in my office and do less lecturing. On account of my recent illness, I have canceled all my engagements up to May 16th except one on May 10th which I wish to fill.

Could you not send a request for me to come to Washington some time next week for two or three days in the time between April 27th and May 7th? Please put the request, if you make it, in direct terms so that I can show the Board that my trip to Washington is not a mere idle excursion. Please let me hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

April 25, 1917.

J. L. Waller, Esq.,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Waller,

Yours of March 18th has been by me some time, or rather has been oscillating between my office and wherever I was on my lecturing itinerary. I am ashamed to say that during the past month I have been most of the time on the sick list. My shame is this - that I have consented to stay so long in this execrable climate, and in the unhealthy atmosphere of New York and other cities. I mean moral atmosphere as well as physical. I am homesick through and through for Alaska, but am condemned to spend my time in penal servitude for at least another year, and perhaps a longer time. It is not consistent with modesty to say, that our Mission Board, or our work in Alaska, cannot get along without me here, but at least I seem to be essential just now for the financing of our missions, and so have settled down for another year of pegging away and getting the "sinews of war" to keep such good fellows as McBride and Hughes going.

Am glad you liked "The Klondike Clan" and your little critique of it is very valuable, as you were on the trail and your personality gave more tone to the book than you know. I was a little afraid of the reviews of the book from such men as you, Governor Strong and Wickersham who have "lived the life and played the game." But all of you seem to think that I have spoken the truth and spoken it graphically. That was the real thing that I tried to do most of all. As to the characters - I was embarrassed by the multitude of fine characters who would work up well in the history whom I met along the trail or in the north. Long Sandy is a real character, and about as close to the truth as any portrait I have drawn, although the real Sandy was not on the trail at Skagway at that time. I knew him,

however, in the early days at Wrangell, and his death which occurred in the Innoko country was very much as I have depicted it in the story. He was the same bashful, modest, yet altogether clean and wonderfully resourceful and efficient man that I have tried to draw. I do not think you met him. His real name was McKenzie.

Cussin' Jim and Martin were also real characters, and the heroic mush of Jim down the McMillan river in the dead of winter, hauling his friend broken by a tree, occurred.

As to the pathos - the Christmas incident of the Swedes (the Tree Yons) I was a witness to that very winter of our stay up there. You do not say anything about that which has affected my own girls and others who have read it here more deeply than any other and caused more tears. That is Miller and little Mamie. That was also very much as it occurred. The Mounted Police made the trip to Circle that fall of '97, and came back on the first of the year with supplies. The trip of Walters to the Koyukuk, however, is imagination. Our friend Moonce criticizes me for going into the Koyukuk with three St. Bernards' instead of the "inside" wolf-dogs. I have recently visited Moonce who is installed over a church at South Charleston, Ohio. He has three boys now, and is very proud of them.

I have never seen the little Doctor since I put him on the boat bound down the Yukon that summer of '98. He dropped off of of church books, and I suppose if still living, is in one of the counties of Missouri. His wife was the only daughter of an old country physician of Missouri, and ten years older than the little Doctor. At her father's death, she inherited \$20,000., and the little Doctor inherited her and his father-in-law's practice. However, he bitterly complained that while he had married this old maid for her money, she had tied it up and would not give any of it to him. Your designation of him is comprehensive and correct - "Poor little Cuss." I have not sent him my book.

I have heard from my niece, Gertrude Kellogg - that she had read the copy of my book which you sent to a friend, and she ends her card by saying that she would appreciate an autographed copy from me which I shall send her.

I would like very much to get passed an amendment to the game laws, which you suggest, keeping all other lawyers out from your division for ten days. But I am afraid that all Alaska legislation will have to halt for awhile until the fight for the delegateship is settled. You know, of course, that Governor Strong and one other of the three members of the canvassing board gave Wickersham a certificate of his election by a plurality of thirty-one. Then the Democratic machine at Juneau and the Democrat, Judge Jennings, got busy and on purely technical grounds stole the election from Wickersham and gave it to Sulzer. Now Wickersham writes that he has filed a protest, and it will have to be fought out before the House. I believe Wickersham will win, but it will take a year or two before the matter is decided. I hope Wickersham does win, for it was about as raw a steal as was ever attempted. The Democrats do not allege any fraud, but only some irregularities which were inevitable under the circumstances.

As a result of this fight, the Democratic machine has sent in a petition asking that some other man be appointed as Governor in place of Strong. I think this is a shame and an outrage. Strong is certainly the best and most efficient Governor that Alaska has ever had, and I would like to see him have another term of four years. I shall help him in his fight if he makes one.

Now in regard to that German son-in-law of mine. He is in New York just now, and has degenerated during the last six or seven years from a pretty good sort of a fellow into a compound of baby and brute, and lately a foul-mouthed slanderer. As you know, he has been complaining of Lassie for years on money accounts, and nagging at her, and sent her a very abusive letter from Germany while he was there, so abusive that in consultation with me she did not answer it. When he came to New York from Germany a year ago last January, he did not come to see her at all, and when she went to see him, he abused her. When I wrote to him suggesting that he support his family, he sent me an abusive letter. He sent her a check each month of \$90.00 which was less than half of what she needed, and I have been supporting

her and her family. The last two months he did not send anything, and during my absence in Ohio, he broke into the house one evening, assaulted one of our friends, a young man who is one of a company of young people - boys and girls - whom we have been having in our house and companionship, and generally acted in a very outrageous manner. The young man happened to be there because Lassie had invited a little company of boys and girls that evening and this young man came to report that the girls could not come, and was spending an hour or so at our house. Frank is now spreading a slander concerning Lassie and this young man, so raw and false a slander that it has defeated itself, and not anyone, even his own lawyer believes it. We have employed a lawyer and shall get a divorce as soon as laws in New Jersey allow, but they are very strict and require a residence in that state of two years before a divorce can be granted on account of desertion. Of course we shall put the fellow through on other charges of brutality and slander, if possible, at least stop his mouth.

So, there is the true state of the case Waller, and I imagine you will not be very much surprised at it. Lassie is as she has always been, one of the sweetest, cleanest and pleasantest women living, and you have recognized her no doubt as the nearest model I have had of "Viva." We have one of the best lawyers in New York as our lawyer - Mr. Edward Colie of Newark, N.J. I hate divorces, but this one seems to be necessary.

Thank you for your suggestions in the way of a romance for my nextbook, but I am afraid they will be hard to work in. I should be very much pleased if you would send me some good pictures of Anchorage and the Matanuska coal fields. I am going to Dallas, Texas, to the meeting of the General Assembly in May, and shall be lecturing with lantern slides almost every day in the Home Mission tent. I am constantly working up more slides for Alaska, and by the time I put through the present batch I will have nearly 1000 colored slides the coming year. However, I shall be more in my office than on the field.

Everything is war here now, and the boys in khaki are in evidence everywhere. Like yourself, I believe that if America had gone in when Belgium was first invaded, the war would have been over by this time. But Wilson is doing splendidly now, and seems determined to fight to the end. The big struggle going on in France now seems to promise a great victory for the English and French, and rumors say that the German people were many of them in want, and are getting very tired of the Kaiser and his despotism. The general opinion is that ultimately, he and his whole system of monarchy will have to depart. Like you, I want to see him hanged. In Frank I have begun to see, as through an open window, just what the real Prussian character is. I believe that ultimately the war will help boom Alaska. America and the other allied nations are just now needing greatly Alaska's copper, fish, coal and oil.

As to your going to the war, why don't you join Teddy's division? It seems now that he will be allowed to raise that army corps, and will not be particular as to the age of the men who compose it, but only as to their fitness and spirit. I feel the thrill of it even in my old bones, but am afraid that even Teddy would not take me.

Lassie and the kiddies send their love to you. I would like to turn those guns which were left in your care, over to the owner. Let me hear from you soon - another of your big, fine letters.

Affectionately your chum,

April 25, 1917.

Rev. James H. Snowden, D.D. LL.D.
Western Theological Seminary,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Snowden,

Have you any likely young men in the Senior Class of the Seminary, or within the range of your acquaintance, who want to go to Alaska, and do that splendid pioneer work? We need two more missionaries for the Indian work, and two for the pioneer work in the interior among the whites. The man must be married, before he goes to any of these fields, and ought to be - well, you know just what kind of a man he ought to be! We have tried a number, and they have either been found wanting, or we could not get them.

I have put in astrenuous winter lecturing, etc. and am now just recovering from quite a spell of illness. Will you be at Dallas for the Assembly? I am to be lecturing there almost every day.

Hastily and very cordially your friend and chum,

APR 30 1917

JAMES WICKERSHAM
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1917.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

I have your letter of April 24th and note that you saw in the Juneau Empire that I have filed a contest against Sulzer and that you are greatly rejoiced. You may continue to rejoice for I intend to contest this matter to the bitter end. I feel a great responsibility in the matter for not only did the people of Alaska elect me by a clear majority of thirty-one votes over Sulzer but the Democratic canvassing board declared me elected by thirty-one votes. The election was deliberately stolen by Bob Jennings and his bunch of highbinders and under those circumstances you may reasonably expect that I will contest the situation actively and energetically. It is amusing to see how easily the people are satisfied with the political stories sent out by the Empire. It is true that Sulzer and Tom Donohoe were received by the President, - in the line with a hundred other callers but the President merely nodded to them, said he was delighted to see them and hoped they would do great things for Alaska as they went by. As for being received by Champ Clark, that is a much easier matter and even less formal and might happen to any respectable citizen who calls upon him cordially. On the other hand, Sulzer has not yet introduced that great bill which Troy has talked about so long and so loudly for "Full Territorial Form of Government". As a matter of fact, he has done nothing since he has been in Washington except wander around with Richardson, Tom Donohoe, Griffin and a few others of that type roasting and abusing me to everybody they can get to listen to them.

I notice you are anxious to know if Governor Strong intends to lie down and let this bunch run over him. I think if you could see the record of the minutes of the Canvassing Board and note how vigorously and courageously Governor Strong and Surveyor General Davidson stood up for law and order against the efforts to steal the election you would not have any doubt about the Governor. You remember that I once had a doubt but after a confersation with the Governor you assured me that it was ill founded. Permit me now to turn the matter the other way and assure you that your fear of the governor in this matter is entirely ill founded. He is going to stand up. You ask if you can be of any help. You can if you can find an opportunity to come to Washington. I shall be very glad to have you do so if you can, for you can do much good for the Governor and for good government and for the appointment of better officials in Alaska if you will come over here and bear witness before some of the Democratic officials who are responsible for government there. Can you come ?

My room is just as it was and you may consult my books and documents at any time you wish and I shall be delighted to have you do so. I have a special book on Kotzebue Sound, 1898-99, which I think will be of advantage to you and I shall be glad to have you examine it. Will you kindly advise me when you can come to Washington on the matter mentioned, if you can come ?

Very truly yours,

James Wickham

Come to room 167 - not 169.

April 30, 1917.

Hon. James Wickersham,
House Office 167,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge,

Yours of April 28th is here, and I
thank you for your prompt and very reassuring reply. You
may count on me to do anything in my power to help you
and Governor Strong.

I am going to try to be in Washington the latter
part of next week, perhaps about Thursday or Friday the
12th or 13th, and possibly remain until Sunday. I am
sandwiching this in between important appointments. I
wish to stay long enough in Washington to look up some
important things in connection with my book as well as to
meet any Committees or officials that you may arrange for
me to meet.

Very cordially yours,